# Lafayette Historical Society
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OLDIES BUT GOODIES EVALUATED

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8 pm in the Lafayette School auditorium. Joe Nystrom will speak to us about antiques. Mr. Nystrom teaches at DVC. Among the courses he gives are "Introduction to the Arts" and "Antiques." He is a buyer of European antiques for many clients and is an appraiser. This summer he will lead a tour to study antiques in England and France.

Mr. Nystrom encourages us to bring an easily carried old item about which we have been curious. He will tell us what country it came from, its value and its history. So if you have such an item bring yourself and it to our meeting on Feb. 20.

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FERN POWELL DAVIS is ill and in Rossmoor Manor Convalescent Hospital, 1224 Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. Get well soon, Fern.

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STANLEY SCHOOL NAME RETAINED

We are pleased to report that because of our interest and that of others the Lafayette School Board decided not to change the name of the M. H. Stanley school. The Board did add the word intermediate at the end and so it will be known as M. H. Stanley Intermediate.

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ORAL HISTORY

Irene (Mrs. Roy) Bunker was interviewed. She gave us a good picture of Roy which was taken in 1905 when he was 21 and had just bought the old Bernal adobe which was ½ mile up Happy Valley Rd. from Mt. Diablo Blvd. After the 1906 quake Roy tore down the remains of the adobe and used some of the timbers to build a house for his mother. The Bunkers married and moved out here in 1912. Mrs. Bunker also gave us a picture of some old timers at a reunion. Among the people in the picture are Floods, Bunkers, Medaus, Thomsons and Jennie Bickerstaff.

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THANKS to Mrs. Bunker for the pictures and to the family of M.H. Stanley for pictures and a 1938 PTA publicity book from Lafayette School. Mrs. Stanley was president of the PTA that year. Thanks also to the Ned Robinsons for a 1953 picture of Lafayette.

WELCOME to new member Doug Kari, 193 Holly Ln., Orinda, 94563. 254-0924. Mrs. M.H. Stanley's new address is 1400 Montego, Walnut Creek, 94598. 932-8159

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HELP is needed to xerox our files on Saturday mornings at the Laf. Savings and Loan. If you can volunteer, please call 283-0659.

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EXHIBITS

We have two exhibits up at the present time. One on M.H. Stanley is at the Lafayette Savings and Loan and the other features old valentines and is at Acalanes High.

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RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION

The Historical Society is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of our landmarks and because of that we feel it is fitting to reprint the following poem. The poem was written by Thea Babbit who was the children's librarian at the Lafayette Library. Mrs. Babbit died recently and we reprint the poem with the kind permission of her daughter, Julia McLeod.

The Alvarado Adobe, San Pablo

So what if nothing of a house remain
Except the crumbled rubble on the ground?
However much we mourn the levelled mound
Which once housed all of human joy and pain
And knew the plans for future, and the strain
Of present, and where pride in past was found,
We know what deathless legacies abound
To carry on, despite the dead domain.
Discovery of some ancient papers prove
That here the seed of many schools was sown,
And here the love of Man and God was taught.
No man-made tool yet fashioned can remove
The structure which from that first seed was grown.
That house was built better than they thought!

Thea E. Babbit

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OLD PHOTOS NEEDED

The Walnut Creek Civic Arts Gallery has requested help from residents of the Diablo Valley in preparing for the "Diablo Valley in Focus: Past and Present" exhibit. We have opened our files to them and they will be using some of our pictures. The exhibit will run from April to June.

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SUPERVISOR'S LIASON COMMITTEE

The Society has been sending a representative to Supervisor Schroder's liason committee. Many matters concerning the county are discussed and the Supervisor would like input on areas of concern to citizens of Lafayette.

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ONLY 16 copies of our history of Lafayette remain to be sold.